

## Message Text

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FOR AF - WISNER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PFOR, RH, UK  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: OWEN'S BRIEF

REFERENCE: SEITZ-WISNER TELECON OF MARCH 21

PATRICK LAVER TOLD US TODAY THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN HAS HAD FURTHER "FURTHER THOUGHTS" ON NEXT STEPS IN RHODESIA. LAVER'S DEPARTMENT HAS THEREFORE GONE BACK TO WORK ON A NEW BRIEF WHICH HE HOPES MIGHT BE READY BY THE END OF THE WEEK. LAVER ALSO REFERRED TO THE "TURMOIL" IN THE UPPER RANKS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AS THE GOVERNMENT PREPARES FOR THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN PARLIAMENT TOMORROW. HE WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS WHAT NEW IDEAS OWEN MAY BE CONSIDERING BUT WE WILL FOLLOW UP ELSEWHERE LATER IN THE WEEK.

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